



RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT-2005

TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

Kamadhenu Co-operative Super Market Building First Floor,
New No.378, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 600018. Phone: 2431 2841

Case No.4702/Enquiry/2009

Date of Enquiry: 24th September 2009 at CHENNAI

Present: Thiru G. RAMAKRISHNAN, I.A.S.,(Retd.),
State Information Commissioner.

Petitioner: Thiru E.M.Nagalingam, S/o Thiru Masilamani,
No.18,34, Pa.Vu.Shanmugam 5th Street,
Vindarpettai, Arakkonam, Vellore District.

Public Authority: The Collector of Vellore, Vellore.

The Collector, Vellore District, appeared before the Commission accompanied by the Additional Personal Assistant (Lands) to Collector, the Tahsildar, Arakkonam and other supporting staff on 24-9-2009.

The information yet to be supplied was identified and the Collector has promised to ensure supply of missing information. As regards the old records, which are reported to have been destroyed, the Commission feels that such records are permanent in nature and there is no scope for destroying those records. If they had, in fact, been destroyed, necessary Destruction Register should be produced before the Commission.

In this connection, the Commission would like to impress on the Collector that the unfortunate situation of the District Collector himself having to appear before the Commission arose due to the misdemeanour of the officials under his control. Though the Commission as a statutory body is least interested in bothering the senior officials to appear before the Commission, in a situation

like this where the Commission's orders have been flouted on three occasions, the Commission had no other option excepting to call the District Head to explain for the lapses in the implementation of the Act in the District.

Collector agreed to initiate action on the orders of the Commission and promised to send a report to the Commission **within three weeks**. During the enquiry, it was brought to the Commission's notice that the petitioner refused to receive the compensation of Rs.1000/-. The petitioner, however, refuted this statement. The Commission would like to have a report of the Tahsildar on who met the petitioner with the award, on what date and time and any evidence for refusal of the award amount by the petitioner.

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Orders approved on 1st October 2009
Under orders of the Commission

(S. MOHANA DHAS)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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